

## THOUSANDS HEAR HIM.

**MR. MOODY'S MEETINGS IN NORFOLK LARGELY ATTENDED.**  
Hundreds of people are turned away for want of room in the Army Building—Post-Office Appointments.

NORFOLK, Va., March 15.—Some days ago some inconsiderate person put out a report that the new army, where the Moody meetings are held, would not be safe with five thousand people within its walls. This was promptly followed by a statement from City Engineer Brooke, that the weight of 80,000 people would not injure the building. Those who had fears are thoroughly satisfied this morning, because, while the building was the scene of the great Columbian ball at the Naval Armory, it never had a larger crowd to it than last night, and this morning the faces of thousands are turned toward the great meeting hall at 2 o'clock, and at the 7:30 o'clock meeting, many persons were turned back at the doors. When the people get thoroughly interested over-flow meetings will be held.

**The New Appointee.**  
Mr. W. W. Dege, the editor of the News and Courier, who has been nominated by Mr. Cleveland for postmaster, is still in Washington. He is expected home at once, and as soon as his appointment is confirmed by the Senate, he will arrange to give his home of \$12,000, which is generally understood that Colonel E. M. Henry will be the assistant.

It is thought that perhaps four clerkships in the post-office do not come under the civil service. These clerkships are appointments are made by the city delivery, salary \$1,000; chief of mailing division, \$2,000; money-order clerk, \$1,000, and chief registry clerk, \$800. All of these offices are now held by Republicans. As a matter of fact, Mr. Dege, who has been in the office, not a half dozen are Democrats.

**Democrats Want the Places.**  
This condition of things is not satisfactory to the Democrats, who have fought the battles of the party. The mad dogs of Norfolk County, reported in The Times yesterday, made a raid on Portsmouth last night and but several dogs in that city. Two dogs from the county were killed.

## BEHIND HIS ACCOUNTS.

**The Late Treasurer McCulloch, of Botetourt—Arranging for Races at Roanoke.**  
ROANOKE, Va., March 15.—Special.—E. J. McCulloch, late treasurer of Botetourt county, is said to be in trouble with the county and State authorities over a large amount of money, it is claimed, he received for taxes and has not yet returned it. The State Treasurer, M. D. Obenshain, of this city, one of McCulloch's bondsmen, has received official notice of the shortage, which is placed at \$12,000, but expressed the hope to your correspondent that the matter could be arranged outside of the courts.

McCulloch was, prior to his election as treasurer, a very influential Democratic politician. He allowed Mahone to beguile him into the Republican party and run him for the Legislature. He was defeated in Botetourt, the Gibraltar of Democracy. He went into the boom at Buchanan, and it is thought that had it not failed so soon he would have emerged from it quite wealthy. As it is he has considerable property, is energetic and his friends hope he will soon get his present financial troubles settled.

Lynchburg, Va., Lexington, Ky., is here, by invitation, a number of citizens who own fine horses, to aid in arranging for monthly races at the Lake and Driving Park, and a grand meet in the fall.

It was the intention of the management to start up the West-End Rolling Mills next Monday, but the puddlers refused to go to work at \$3 per ton, which is a reduction of one dollar. They have been idle for some months and are in effect the company's commissary for supplies. On their refusal to go to work they were not allowed further credit, hence some of the families dependent upon them are unable to suffer for the necessities of life. The puddling of the mills cost \$5,792 tons of coal last week. Shipments are increasing slowly, the great difficulty being a lack of cars.

## THEORY OF MURDER.

**Mr. Spooner's Death in Baltimore—Charlotteville Electric Plant to be Rebuilt.**  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 15.—Special.—The funeral of Morris M. Spooner was very largely attended, the Monticello Guard, of which he was second sergeant, and the Albemarle Light Horse Troop acting as guard of honor.

The theory of suicide is the one generally accepted as explaining his death, though no adequate reason for the suicide can now be assigned. There are some who believe he was murdered, giving as reasons for this belief that he was no reason for suicide; that the pistol found near his body was not buried with him, and that his body was not buried with powder, as they argue would have been the case if he had fired the fatal shot. On the other hand, the motive for murder could not have been robbery, as his watch and valuable jewelry and a sum of money were found on his person.

The Charlottesville and University of Virginia Electric Light Company hope to have their plant, which suffered from fire Tuesday night, in working shape in a very short time. The directors met yesterday.

Dr. Hedges, of this city, having lost fifty valuable human eyes by a disease of which no one here knew anything, reported the matter to the Agricultural Department at Washington, and Mr. W. D. Conquellie, of the Division of Entomology, was sent here to examine the insects. He found the disease to be Scab, a scale, and this is the only case east of the Rocky Mountains. The treatment is said to be simple, and the disease curable.

## YACHT LAUNCHED.

**Work of the Grand Jury of the Hustings Court—Other Petersburg Matters.**  
PETERSBURG, Va., March 15.—Special.—The March term of the Hustings Court of Petersburg—Judge D. M. Bernard presiding—opened this morning. The grand jury found several presentments for misdemeanor and one or two for felony. There were no cases of special interest tried. Mr. Robert Gilliam was elected a member of the board of directors of the State Central Hospital, and Mr. Thomas G. Watkins qualified as a member of the board of visitors of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute.

The many friends here of the Rev. Robert P. Kerr, of Richmond, regret very much to learn of his illness. Dr. Kerr was at one time the beloved pastor of Tabernacle Presbyterian church. The steam yacht Virginia, which has been building here for some time, was launched yesterday afternoon.

A grand charity ball to be given on next Tuesday night at the Petersburg Grays' armory, under the auspices of Virginia Lodge, B'nai B'rith.

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The Monumental Association, at its meeting to-day selected granite for the Monument to the Confederate soldiers who died in the Confederate army to be built here.

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